

WILLAMAN, UNDER ARREST IN CHICAGO, BLAMES "EVIL SPIRIT" FOR TRAGIC DEATH OF WARREN KOONS AND HIS WIFE

BLOOD STAINED REVOLVER AND CLOTHING
FOUND IN SUIT CASE OF MAN WHEN HE IS
ARRESTED ON TRAIN IN WINDY CITY

OFFICIALS BELIEVE MIND AFFECTED

Evidence That He Changed Clothes In the Woods—Relatives Tell
of Efforts to Borrow Money—Believed to Have Demanded
Signing of Papers By Koons.

Following the receipt of a telegram Wednesday night announcing that Cletus Willaman, accused of the murder of Warren Koons and his wife had been arrested in Chicago, Chief of Police Smith and Detective Ryan left for that city at 9:59 Wednesday night.

Willaman was approached by the Chicago police Wednesday afternoon at 4:10.

He is in a cell at the Central station there. He states that he will not fight extradition. A special telegram to The Morning News from Chicago says:

Cletus Willaman who was arrested this afternoon on a Pennsylvania train as it entered Chicago blames the crime on "the evil spirit." He refuses to give details.

In a suit case belonging to Willaman the police found a revolver, the barrel of which was covered with blood. A blood smeared undershirt was also found in the case.

Willaman appears to be mentally disturbed. He talks about an "Evil Spirit." The Chicago Police are of the opinion that he is suffering from a religious mania.

The policeman who made the arrest asked him why he killed Koons and his wife and after long deliberation he said:

"The evil spirit was in me. I don't know anything about it. When the proper time comes I will talk."

When shown the bloodstained garments and weapon taken from his suit case he admitted that they belonged to him but offered no explanation for their condition. Twigs and leaves of trees were found in the garment, indicating that he had changed his underwear in a wood after the commission of his crime.

"Did you go into a thicket or woods," the detective asked the prisoner.

After gazing at the floor several minutes, Willaman replied, "Yes, I think I did. I am not sure. But why do you ask me these questions. I tell you it was the evil spirit."

He then handed a pencil and wrote the following letter to his wife:

"Dear Family—If I may dare to call you so—You write to Rundle and sell that land. Come and see me when I get to Canton, if you care for me any longer."

If Warren Koons and wife were murdered by Cletus Willaman it was probably because the former refused to sign papers whereby Willaman could secure money with which to go to Montana and start farming.

This was disclosed Wednesday afternoon when Mrs. Maud Paylor, a niece of Warren Koons, and Mrs. Hester A. Scroggy, an intimate neighbor, told the story of Willaman being there for the purpose of borrowing money.

Mrs. Koons confided the family secrets to Mrs. Scroggy and told her that Willaman refused to work and soon spent all the money left his wife by her mother, who was the first wife of Mr. Koons. It is claimed by relatives that to have peace Mrs. Willaman had placed in the hands of her father, who was formerly her guardian what little bit of money remained.

Earl Koons is now staying with his grandfather, Mr. Burroway, on Hartford street.

Ralph Scroggy, who resides in the next house west of the Koons home on Virginia avenue, said that about 3 o'clock Wednesday morning he heard Mrs. Koons crying, "Oh my! Oh my! Oh my! In the morning he told his mother that Mrs. Koons was ill.

After news of Willaman's apprehension at Chicago was received it was told to Mrs. Newman and Mrs. Maud Paylor, the former a sister of the murdered man and the latter a niece.

"Thank God, theascal is caught," cried Mrs. Newman.

"Oh, have you got him? May we thank God," said Mrs. Paylor.

What amount Willaman wanted and how he wished to get it, otherwise than by the signing of some papers were banished when the secret died with Koons.

Relatives say that Willaman, who was a breeder of fancy Shropshire sheep, had canvassed all the relatives at different times for pecuniary aid.

Among them was Mrs. Amelia K. Numan, widow of Henry Numan, who was solicited shortly after the death of her husband. She refused to give him two hundred dollars, and he departed. Mrs. Paylor refused to say whether or not he had solicited them for aid, but did intimate that he had.

Marland Koons of Brown avenue was very well acquainted with Willaman, and it is said that he had been asked for a large loan and refused it.

To Mrs. Hester Scroggy, Earl, twelve-year-old son of the murdered man and woman, said: "Mamma went out to get a drink. When she was going out of the door a man who was under the bed shot her in the back of the head. Papa jumped up and then I saw three men."

It is supposed that Mrs. Koons struggled to her feet and the frantic boy thought it was another man. Continuing, Earle said:

"I saw Uncle Clet' in the room, but later he went out and went into his own room, and locked the door. No, no, no, it wasn't Uncle Cletus who killed them."

The fact that it wasn't a triple tragedy was due to the fact that the murderer thought he had killed Earl. When he was struck he was crying for help.

FINDING PARENTS DYING BOY CALLS FOR HELP.

Lying in pools of their own blood, Warren Koons, an employee of the Berger works, and his wife were found murdered about 10 o'clock Wednesday morning in the bedroom of their little home at 521 Virginia avenue, adjoining the plant of the Gilliam Manufacturing company.

That the couple were killed during a fight with a cowardly assassin is certain, and the police are now searching for Cletus Willaman, living near Massillon, who married a daughter of Mr. Koons by his first wife.

It is known that Willaman remained over night at the Koons house, where he was stopping temporarily until he could arrange his plans for a trip to Montana. Descriptions of him and pictures are now being sent by the Canton police to the police of all nearby towns and cities. A man resembling Willaman was seen (Continued on Page Five.)



Warren Koons and Wife



CLETUS WILLAMAN.

FUNERAL FRIDAY BY MASONS

Post-Mortem Examination Shows
Victims Were Both Beaten
and Shot.

Warren Koons, who was murdered Wednesday was a member of McKinley lodge, F. and A. M., No. 431. The funeral of Koons and his wife will be held Friday afternoon from the First M. E. church. Owing to the absence of Dr. Smith, pastor of the church, efforts are being made to have Rev. Buxton, the former pastor, preach the funeral sermon. William McKinley lodge will have charge of the funeral.

The hour has not been determined. Corner Harry A. March, assisted by Drs. E. O. Morrow and M. C. Poulak, Wednesday afternoon held a post-mortem examination to learn the cause of death.

After spending three hours in an examination of the murdered husband and wife, they made a report to the effect that the death of Mrs. Koons was due to hemorrhages from the bullet wound in her head, and that a fracture of the skull caused the death of her husband.

Dr. March stated that Koons' skull was badly crushed, probably from being repeatedly struck on the head with the brick found in the room. A bullet wound was also found in the head of Koons.

ALLIANCE SUNDAY BALL
Columbus, April 6.—The Anderson bill, allowing cities local option on Sunday baseball, passed the house Wednesday afternoon by a vote of 59 to 37.

BIG PRICES FOR STOCK
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., April 6.—What are stated to be record prices were paid today for live stock of ordinary breed at a public sale on the farm of William Heller. A brood sow with a litter of 10 pigs two weeks old brought \$70; another with a litter of six, two weeks old, brought \$48; a cow sold for \$55. Thirty-five Plymouth rock hens brought ninety cents each and several ordinary hens 35 cents each.

SOCIALISTS NAME WOMEN
Paris, April 6.—For the first time the United Socialists have nominated two women candidates officially. They are Madeleine Pelletier, in the quartier de L'Europe, Paris, and Marie Bonnevillie in Isere. The prefect of the Seine refused to extend to the women candidates the privilege of exemption from the stamp duty on posters and the use of school courtyards for meetings on the ground that their candidature had not been accepted officially.

J. Lewis O'Neil is confined to his home on North McKinley avenue. Mr. O'Neil underwent an operation Tuesday for the removal of a growth on his jaw, which had effected the bone slightly, making it necessary to have a piece of the jaw bone gouged out.

FOR INFIRMARY DIRECTOR.

Morris D. Crowl of Paris township has announced his candidacy for infirmarium director on the Democratic ticket.

A NEW PROBE AFTER SUGAR TRUST

Special Officer of Department of
Justice Goes to New
Orleans.

WILL GO TO BOTTOM

Federal Officials Determined to
Stop Frauds In Collection
of Customs.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.
Washington, April 6.—The American Sugar Refining company, the so-called sugar trust, is to be taken to task once more by the United States government. This time in New Orleans.

It was said that the government intends to demand the books of the sugar trust there and if necessary to make just as thorough an investigation there as they did in New York City in uncovering the frauds, amounting to millions of dollars.

Winifred T. Denison of New York, who rendered valuable assistance to Henry L. Stimson, the government's special prosecutor, in the sugar cases and who was recently made assistant attorney general, left tonight for New Orleans as an officer of the department of justice and the representative of Attorney General Wickersham, who is determined to sift the sugar trust affair to the bottom if it takes him all summer.

Following the discoveries at the New York investigation the government began investigating at other ports where sugar came in. At New Orleans it asked the sugar company to give up its records for inspection. The sugar company refused, contending that there was nothing to interest the government in the books. The government decided that it wanted to be shown.

Mr. Denison was summoned to Washington by Attorney General Wickersham. After talking today with the attorney general at the department of justice, both men went to the white houses where with Secretary of War Woodrow Wilson and President Taft for a short time. Mr. Denison had a long talk with Assistant Secretary Curtis of the treasury department in charge of customs and his chief adviser, Charles P. Montgomery.

Mr. Montgomery recently returned to the capital after a week in New Orleans, where he appeared before the federal grand jury in connection with alleged customs frauds in the importation of mosquito netting.

It was decided that Mr. Denison go south to fight it out with the sugar trust. He is to have full charge of the case and intends to carry the matter to a conclusion.

Next Sunday is set aside as a day for sermons and prayers on civic righteousness, according to a letter issued to the clergymen of the city by Bishop Cortland Whitehead of the Protestant Episcopal church, in which he gives a prayer composed by him.

James M. Young, cashier of the Second National bank, was given a two hours' grilling by the grand jury today.

Detective Wilson accepted his appointment as a special county detective to aid in the vice crusade.

GOVERNOR OF MICHIGAN TO TALK TO AUTO MEN

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.
New York, April 6.—Gov. Warner of Michigan, who is to be the guest of honor and one of the speakers at the banquet of the association of licensed auto manufacturers tomorrow night at the Hotel Astor, is due to arrive here tomorrow morning in a special car from Detroit.

He will be accompanied by a special escorting committee of Detroit auto manufacturers, headed by Henry R. Joy, chairman of the banquet committee, and Hugh Chalmers.

About 250 representatives of the eighty-three firms operating under the Selden patent are to be present at the banquet.

ASSAULTS WOMAN BURNS HOME

Husband Trying to Save Woman
Falls Over Dead Body
of Wife.

Cambridge City, Ind., April 6.—Bloodhounds and a posse of 500 farmers are searching for the unknown assailant of Mrs. Frank Allison, 38, living on a farm near here this afternoon, who set fire to her home to conceal her crime. Mrs. Allison was alone at the time of the tragedy.

The first knowledge of the murder was seen by a party of automobilists who saw the house burning and rushed to the scene.

Allison rushed into the house and endeavored to save his furniture when he stumbled over the body of his wife.

MOTHER-IN-LAW ROUTED BY COURT'S DECISION

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.
Wilkesbarre, Pa., April 6.—A man's wife is not compelled to live with her mother-in-law if she does not want to, ruled Judge German today, in refusing to grant a divorce to Benjamin Benscoter, who charged his wife with desertion. Said German:

"There is no obligation on the part of the wife to live with her husband's parents and to be in subjection to a mother-in-law."

"The husband is in duty bound to provide for his wife a separate home, to furnish it in a manner suitable to his station in life."

AGED BRIDGE MAN FINED \$250

Last of the Trust Agents
Caught Under Valentine
Law Penalized.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.
Toledo, April 6.—After pleading guilty to violation of the Valentine anti-trust law by being engaged in an unlawful combination for the restraint of trade, J. J. Cwigert, the last of the bridge trust agents, indicted about three years ago, was fined \$250 and costs by Judge Johnson today.

Swiggert is more than 70 years of age and was an official of the Massillon Bridge company at the time he was indicted.

TUBES BLOW OUT ON CRUISER

One Fireman Killed and Two
Others Injured on
the Maryland.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.
Vallejo, Cal., April 6.—A report reached Mare Island today that late on Saturday afternoon, while the cruiser Maryland was on her way to Monterey Bay from Santa Barbara, tubes in one of the boilers blew out, terribly scalding three firemen and water tenders, one of whom has since died.

The injured men are being treated on the ship and will be placed in the navy hospital at Mare Island when they reach here.

EXPECT ONLY SMOKER FIND BANQUET SPREAD

The operative department of the Berger Manufacturing company, which is an independent organization of the foremen employed by the Berger company, celebrated their first anniversary with a banquet at the Courtland Wednesday night.

The committee in charge of the anniversary celebration had given out the impression that there would be a smoker, but led the surprised foremen to an elaborate banquet at the Courtland. The board of directors and officers of the company were present as guests of their foremen.

Addresses were made by members of the board and by several of the foremen. The feature of the evening was a quartet selection, in which the various departments were mentioned.

LIABILITY BILL TAKEN FROM PIGEON HOLE

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.
Columbus, April 6.—The senate, this afternoon, by a vote of 27 to 1, took the Matthews employers' liability bill away from the judiciary committee, where it had been pigeon holed for weeks, and ordered it engrossed and placed on the calendar. Senator Deane, Cleveland and Thompson were present, but did not vote. The Matthews bill is a duplicate of the Norris bill that was killed in the house.

STREET CAR EMPLOYEES GET WAGE INCREASE

Pension Plan Effective April 1
Provides For Men Sixty-five
Years Old and Twenty
Years in the Service.

Employees of the Northern Ohio Traction and Light company welcomed with rejoicing the announcement of General Manager Charles Cummins and Superintendent Scanlon of the city lines that all conductors and motormen on the interurban and city lines would receive a voluntary increase of 1 cent per hour in wages, effective May 1. Following is the rate: First year employees, 21 cents; second year, 22 cents; third year, 23 cents; fourth year, 24 cents; fifth year, 25 cents; sixth year and thereafter, 26 cents.

All employees of all divisions and departments of the N. O. T. lines have received notice that the pension fund formerly adopted by the board of directors, became effective April 1.

Every employee reaching the age of sixty-five years, providing he has been in continuous service for twenty years, is subject to retirement. Any employee who has been in the service for twenty years and who is required by the pension board to retire will be entitled to a pension, equal to 40 per cent of the employee's wages so retired, on a basis of ten hours per day at the time of retirement.

MILLIONAIRES ACCUSED OF BRIBERY

Pittsburg Grand Jury Orders
Frank N. Hoffstot Brought
From New York.

MOVES JUDGE TO GRI

Friend of His Boyhood Day
Caught In Probers' No
Passed to Another Court.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.
Pittsburg, Pa., April 6.—The jury today indicted Frank N. Hoffstot, millionaire president of the man National bank of Allegheny, president of the Pressed Steel company, on charges of bribery conspiracy.

President Emil Winter, Workingman's Savings Bank Trust company of Allegheny, said that he had bribed Hoffstot, the extent of \$20,000. James Workman, general bookkeeper of Trust company, was arraigned on charge of having mutilated of his bank to save exposed train persons. He was paid bail.

For some time Hoffstot making his residence in and the grand jury calls of district attorney to proceed to extradite him.

Prosecutor a Witne District Attorney William he appeared as a citizen grand jury in connection Hoffstot probe and told he became district attorney been approached by Hoffstot, J. W. Friend and Charles Stewart and asked stakeholder for a fund which they were to pay claim for the passage of a diance.

Blakeley was asked to money as a bribe against the part of the count part of his duty would be out to the crooked city they fulfilled their promise they Blakeley refused to proposition, he testified.

Pay Through Hoffstot and the councilman of the graft made in money shipped from Pittsburg.

It is charged that Hoffstot on two occasions solicited money from Cashier James M. Young, of the Second National bank of Pittsburg and caused him to ship to New York \$21,000 as that bank's share of the bribe money. Cashier Young was before the grand jury a long time today.

Was Judge's Friend. The arraignment of Winter provoked a pathetic incident. Judge Robert S. Fraser and Winter have been friends since boyhood, and as the banker confessed to bribery, Judge Fraser's voice broke and motioning for Judge Elliott Rodgers to come closer the jurist explained that he and the man about to plead were friends of too long standing of his hearing the confession without pain. He would rather President Winter made his statement in some other court.

Winter was then taken before Judge Cameron and Swearingen, where he confessed that he had given Councilman Morris Einstein \$20,000 in order that his bank might be made a city depository. He was placed under \$2,500 bail.

Taft Opposes Boycott

Washington, April 6.—Declaring himself forcibly opposed to the boycott as involved in the Bethlehem steel strike, President Taft today told a delegation of fifty business and professional men representing the borough of Bethlehem, Pa., that so long as the Bethlehem company turns out good work it will be given government contracts despite the efforts of the strikers to take away its government contracts.